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Bill to Legalize Cannabidiol Oil Passes Assembly

Makes it easier for parents to acquire CBD to treat seizure disorders in children.

(MADISON) Representative Robb Kahl (D-Monona) issued the following statement after the Assembly passed Assembly Bill 228, which allows parents to possess Cannabidiol Oil (CBD) to treat their children with seizure disorders.

“As a co-author of this legislation, I am pleased to see this bill pass. It makes needed changes to the 2013 legislation I authored that initially legalized CBD oil in Wisconsin,” Kahl began. “Unfortunately, over the last year parents have continued to struggle to obtain CBD in Wisconsin, with many being forced to break the law and make trips to other states to acquire the medicine for their sick children.”

AB 228 is an add-on bill to 2013 Assembly Bill 726, known as Lydia’s Law, which legalized CBD oil in Wisconsin. However, the 2013 bill had parents jumping over several hurdles in order to obtain CBD oil and no Wisconsin providers were willing to prescribe it as a treatment. This bill removes many of those hurdles.

“No parent should be charged with criminal drug possession for simply trying to help their child live a healthy life,” Kahl continued.

CBD is a non-psychoactive derivative of marijuana that has been successfully used to treat certain seizure disorders. The vast majority of individuals that obtain CBD are parents whose children can suffer hundreds of seizures a day.

“I want to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who voted in favor of this bill. It is refreshing to see that bipartisan efforts are still achievable at the State Capitol,” Kahl concluded. “More work still needs to be done to get treatments like CBD in the hands of parents to help their children, but this is another positive step in the right direction.”

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